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COUNCIL ACCUSED OF 'WASHING ITS HANDS OF ELDERLY'

THOUSANDS flocked to Basingstoke's War Memorial Park at the weekend for Basingstoke Live – the town's yearly two-day music festival.

Thanks to a spell of sunshine, families were able to enjoy a real variety of music spread over five stages.

The event marked the end of the town's biggest Basingstoke Festival yet - which launched on June 20.

See page 7 for the full story.

THE town's vulnerable elderly people will be abandoned if plans to remove their pull-cord emergency alarm systems go ahead, Basingstoke councillors have warned.

Hampshire County Council is planning to cut funding to sheltered housing alarm systems used by the elderly if they fall or need help.

The cord triggers an alarm for wardens or support workers.

Basingstoke councillor for South Ham, Sean Keating, told the Observer yesterday: "The county council in Hampshire is essentially saying to the elderly 'we are washing our hands of you'.

"These are people who are already vulnerable.

"They go to these particular shelters because they need help and support and the county council are cutting this support."

At a full meeting of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council tonight, Cllr Keating is due to ask fellow councillors to back him in condemning the plans.

The motion, to be heard at the Council Chamber in London Road from 6.30pm, was seconded by Nigel Pierce of Buckskin ward.

Cllr Keating said there is no justification because other councils have the same funding problems as a result of Government cuts, but they are able to reduce spending elsewhere.

He added: "The government has said that pensioners will not be affected but from their point of view, this is the most dramatic cut."

By Mathew Di Salvo
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About 40 residents from sheltered housing at Balmoral Court and John Eddy Court in Buckskin expressed their concern at a meeting on July 1 about what could happen if the system was removed.

The executive member for adult social care and public health at Hampshire County Council, Liz Fairhurst, is due to make a decision on the plans on July 30.

The changes could come into effect in March 2015.

She said instead of the pull-cord system, the council are considering an alternative Telecare system for vulnerable people.

Telecare is a button alarm worn as a wristband or necklace.

She said: ""In order to make the best use of the money we will have, we are focusing support on those with the greatest need wherever they reside.

"We are currently consulting with people who use the existing services and providers to help shape future plans."

Roy Probert, spokesman for Sovereign Housing - which runs sheltered housing in Basingstoke - said they were waiting to see what the decision will be.

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Duo's tearjerker draws painter to his palette

THE story of Basingstoke's most famous friends, Owen Howkins and Haatchi the dog, has been captured in a painting.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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A retired man from Fleet surprised Owen with a picture he had taken the time to paint after he read our heart warming story about how the heroic twosome were brought together.

David Coburn, 85, who has been sketching since he was 12, was so moved by the story of nine-year-old Owen and his companion, the Anatolian Shepherd Haatchi, he decided to create a gift.

"It was such an emotive story I saw in the Observer. It was a great success story coming out of two separate tragedies.

"As soon as I saw the story on the front page I knew that I wanted to paint a picture," Mr Coburn said.

The painting took Mr Coburn about 14 hours to paint in total and he finally surprised Owen with it on July 14.

Owen, of South Ham, Basingstoke, who has a rare genetic disorder that effects his bones and muscles, was thrilled with the surprise, describing it as "awesome".

"At the moment, it is my favourite painting. I think it is brilliant."

Will Howkins, Owen's father and full time carer, thought it was the best painting they had had been given so far.

"We are sent gifts all the time from people around the world who have heard about Owen and Haatchi. We have had a couple of paintings come through and I think this is probably the best one we have received."

Owen and Haatchi were brought together in 2012 when the family adopted the dog.

Haatchi had been beaten and tied to a railway track where he tragically lost his leg and tail.

Since then, Owen - who describes Haatchi as his "best friend" - and the dog have formed such a deep bond.

"I was so pleased Owen liked the painting." Said Mr Coburn, "It gave me so much pleasure to present him with this gift."

(Left to right) Haatchi the dog, Owen Howkins and painter Mr Coburn

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Toddler found

A two-year-old boy with Down Syndrome was reunited with his parents after being found alone in the Popley area of Basingstoke on Friday.

The toddler was on a ride a-long toy, wearing pyjamas bottoms, a yellow t-shirt and no shoes when he was found at 5.40am on July 11.

The boy had wandered away from his home in Popley.

He was reunited with his parents at about 9.30am after police released an appeal to find them.

Bikes stolen

AN OFF-ROAD motorbike and a moped have been stolen in two different thefts outside homes in Basingstoke within a week.

The blue Jonway Madness moped was taken from Borodin Close between 10pm on Thursday, July 11, and 1pm on Friday, July 12.

The motorbike was stolen from outside a house in Winchester Road four days earlier.

The Reiju 50 MRX was taken between 10.30pm on Monday, July 7 and 6pm on Tuesday, July 8.

It has a black chasis with a white and red body, a black saddle, silver sports exhaust, silver handle bars with red hand grips and red mud guards.

Police Staff Investigator Rebecca Quirk, from Basingstoke police station, said: "This is a very distinctive bike and I would like to hear from anyone who may have seen it or been offered it for sale."

Anyone with information on either of the incidents is asked to call police on 101.

County arrests

HAMPSHIRE police have arrested 33 men over the last six months for possessing and distributing indecent images of children.

The figures were released yesterday as part of a National Crime Agency campaign to tackle child abuse.

The figures also revealed Hampshire Constabulary protected 17 children.

The operation has led to the arrests of 660 suspected child abusers nationally.

Detective Chief Inspector Becky Riggs said: "The announcement of the results of the operation marks the culmination of six months' of covert work by our dedicated officers."

Click and Collect service premiers in Basingstoke

TESCO'S new "Click and Collect" service was launched at the Chineham Business Park on Monday.

After a trial at six London tube stations, the service is now available in Basingstoke.

It allows people to collect their groceries when they are on the go.

Customers order their shopping online, groceries are transported from the Basingstoke store to the park, which is just off the M3 and Crockford Lane and customers can pick it up when they are ready.

The collection point will be open weekdays from 4pm to 7pm.

Store Manager Paul Cavaliere said: "We're always looking at ways to make shopping easier and more convenient for our customers.

"Home delivery is really useful when people know they'll be in, but for those 'on the go', this service offers more flexibility. It's proven popular in London and I hope customers in Basingstoke will find it just as useful."

Bungled robbery attempt

A BALACLAVA-CLAD man who threatened a shop worker at knifepoint fled through a Basingstoke cemetery after his bungled robbery attempt.

A CCTV image released by police yesterday captured the moments the man demanded cash by knifepoint from a member of staff in South View Stores in Vyne Road.

The 28-year-old shop worker refused to hand over any money at about 8.15pm on Tuesday.

He escaped running through the nearby South View Cemetery, off Chapel Hill.

The offender, whose face was covered, is described as white, and wearing a grey jumper with black jeans.

He was carrying a red shoulder bag which he quickly threw away after the robbery attempt.

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Reverend welcomes women bishop vote

THE soon-to-be Bishop of Basingstoke has said Monday's vote to allow women to become bishops proves the church is moving in the right direction.

The Revered Canon David Williams told the Observer yesterday he was 'delighted' with the Church of England vote premitting female bishops for the first time in history.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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Mr Williams, who will be ordained as Bishop of Basingstoke in September, said: "I am absolutely delighted.

"When the vote was blocked in 2012 I thought we were in serious trouble. We already have so many good women working in the church so this is fantastic."

A previous vote in 2012 was blocked by traditionalist lay members, however Rev Williams believes that most clergy are happy with the decision, even if there are still some objections in the church.

"Those who are against it for reasons of conscience are outnumbered," he added.

"The vast majority of clergy think it is a very good thing.

"Every age has its own change. The 21st century is unique but God doesn't change.

"Places do, and the church has to relate to the culture it is in but the message is always clear at the end of the day – it is about a God who reveals himself to people through the love of Jesus Christ."

Rev Williams, 53, who succeeds the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, is to be ordained at Winchester Cathedral on September 19.

He will be moving to Basingstoke wife his wife, Helen, the same month.

Underwater creatures raise £200 for hospice

IT'S not every day residents of Basingstoke can take home mermaids, dolphins and technicolour lobsters from their weekend shopping trip.

But an impressive giant underwater-themed balloon display meant on Sunday meant many did just that.

The creatures, made by balloon modellers at Newbury-based entertainment agency Larger Than Life, were auctioned off at The Malls in Castle Square at the end of the day to raise money for a Basingstoke hospice.

Larger than Life owner and a balloon modeller of 15 years John Caudrey was among the four-strong team who spent the day crafting the colourful underwater creatures.

The 49-year-old said: "It was a real spectacle.

"Visually, it was great for the square.

People loved the balloons and there was a big queue to take part in the bidding.

"We tried to do something different - this was the first time we did the installation thing.

"People really seemed to like the variety of balloons."

More than £200 was raised for St Michael's Hospice, which cares for patients across North Hampshire who have life-limiting illnesses.

The priciest balloon auctioned off was a human-sized mermaid for £20.

St Michael's Hospice spokesman Chris Griffiths said: "We are incredibly thankful for the fantastic fundraising effort The Malls and John Caudrey at Larger Than Life have undertaken.

He added: "We rely on the generous support of the local community to meet our fundraising target which this year stands at £2.4m."

· The human-sized Mermaid

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Fags stolen

A BURGLAR stealing a packet of cigarettes woke a woman up in her Basingstoke home last Friday.

The thief entered the house in Arlott Drive at about 2am on July 11.

The woman was woken by noise and found someone had got into her home and stolen cigarettes.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to call contact Police Staff Investigator Rebecca Quirk via the 101 number.

Jobless stats

FIGURES released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics show unemployment in Basingstoke has dropped by 40 per cent.

The number of unemployed claimants in the Basingstoke constituency is now 955, falling from 1,535 from June last year.

MP Maria Miller said: "Today's figures reflect the importance of the new jobs that have been attracted to Basingstoke."

MP resigned

SIR George Young, the MP for North West Hampshire, announced his resignation as the Government's Chief Whip earlier this week and plans to retire in 2015.

The Conservative, who took up the role as Chief Whip in 2012 when MP Andrew Mitchell resigned, decided to step down from his position in David Cameron's cabinet the day before the reshuffle.

He has represented North West Hampshire since 1997.

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Homeless centre in need of donations

PEOPLE in Basingstoke are being asked to help the homeless and vulnerably housed in an urgent plea for help.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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The Camrose Homeless Centre, at Church Square, has recently had a dip in its food donations.

At the drop-in centre, located behind Glebe Hall, over 40 people a week are provided with short-term relief in food, shelter and washing facilities however, donations have been sporadic in the past two months.

Nigel Pierce, the head of trustees at the centre, and a Basingstoke and Deane Borough councillor, said: "We rely on generous people to give us food, clothing and money in order to keep this centre going.

"Recently there has been a decline in the amount of food donated and we are asking people to give regularly. If people were to add a couple of items to their shopping basket when they're out – jams, spreads, an extra loaf of bread – it would make such a difference.

"Homelessness is a cross party issue and we all need to confront it.

"The gap between the rich and poor in Basingstoke is quite wide, and something needs to be done to help those who aren't quite as lucky as others."

Most of the people who use the centre are vulnerably housed, meaning their place of residence is temporary, of poor-quality or precarious.

Natascha Shepherd, a volunteer and trustee at the centre, said: "We are fortunate to have an amazing team of volunteers and service users who manage to cater for up to 40 people week in week out on a shoestring.

"It would mean so much to the vulnerable people who use the centre if people were to make regular contributions. We are also in need of regular or slim sized men's jeans and tracksuit trousers.

"The team are always incredibly grateful for any donations from the public whether as a result of a cupboard clear-out or an extra from a multi-buy saving when out shopping."

Donations can be dropped off at Centre between 10am and 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Glebe Hall, Church Square, Basingstoke, RG21 7QW.

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Report publishes causes of Buckskin floods

A REPORT investigating the causes of this year's floods in Buckskin has concluded that an underwater spring that became active was a contributing factor to the severity of the damage.

The report, published by Hampshire County Council, also states that surface water drainage in the area needs to be reviewed and groundwater should be monitored to prevent similar catastrophes in the future.

· The winter floods in Buckskin

It is also stated that the landscape of the area also exacerbated the problem.

According to the report, due to high groundwater levels the spring became active, which in turn prevented surface water drainage not to function properly.

This then caused a runoff to follow the historic river, and then accumulate in low-lying areas.

It is recommended that a threshold should be set up when monitoring groundwater so there can be a clear point on when to take action.

A theory that there is a link between groundwater levels dropping due to increased abstraction from boreholes in West Ham Park West and fast flood subsidence in the north-east of the Buckskin estate was proved to be inconclusive in the report.

Between February and March this year, over 80 households in the area had to find alternative accommodation due to the severe weather.

The winter of 2013-14 is recorded as the wettest in over 200 years.

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Doorstep warning

RESIDENTS of North Hampshire are being warned about bogus doorstep sellers.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company and North Hampshire Community Safety Team are warning residents to watch out for people who use aggressive sales techniques to get people to sign up to or buy things they don't need.

There have been reports of people claiming to be working on a probation service-approved selling scheme in the Church Crookham area.

Town promotion

A SUCCESSFUL marketing and communications agency is aiming to help promote Basingstoke.

The Purple Agency is pledging support to Destination Basingstoke – a non-profit company that works to position Basingstoke as a business destination.

By using its expertise in public relations, The Purple Agency, which is based in Basingstoke, will work with helping Destination Basingstoke be successful in promoting the town.

Police ethics

HAMPSHIRE Constabulary is keen to be signing up to a new Police Code of Ethics, launched earlier this week.

The code, which was laid as a code of practice before Parliament on July 15, aims to make police officers, staff and volunteers more ethical when making complex, split second judgements in their everyday work.

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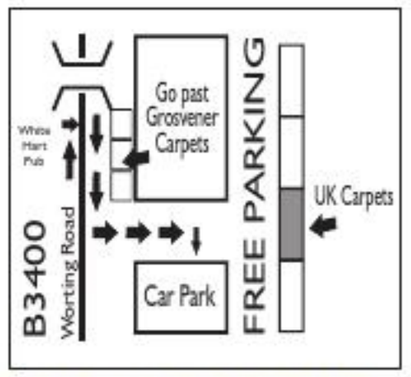

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Gang of four attack man by church

A BASINGSTOKE man was attacked by a gang of four men by an Andover churchyard last Thursday.

The 24-year-old was treated in hospital for serious injuries to his leg.

He was attacked by four men in Newbury Street near St Mary's Church at 4.45pm.

Two men from Andover, aged 27 and 32, have been arrested in connection to the assault.

At about 3.30pm four men were seen chasing another man near Cricketers Way and Roman Way.

Police are investigating whether the incident was linked to the attack.

Detective inspector Justin Torgout said: "Violence of this nature will not be tolerated and we would urge anyone with information about the incident to contact us so that we can deal with those responsible.

"I would like to hear from anyone who was in the area of Newbury Road or the park near to the Tesco store on Cricketers Way and witnessed either incident or has any information."

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Basingstoke Live is a sizzling success

• The Real Thing performing on stage at Basingstoke Live music festival in War Memorial Park at the weekend

CROWDS of 33,000 marked the end of the 25-day Basingstoke Festival last weekend.

The two-day Basingstoke Live music festival in War Memorial Park brought the town's calendar of more than 100 shows performed across the town over the last month to an end.

It gave residents the chance to appreciate local and national musical talent.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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With the perfect weather for a music festival, crowds were entertained by an eclectic mix of rock, funk, hip-hop, house and funk over five stages.

Headlining the main stage on Saturday were English hip-hop duo Krept and Konan, and on Sunday night the audience were entertained by hits such as 'You to Me Are Everything' and 'Can You Feel the Force' from the 70s soul giants The Real Thing.

Cabinet member for partnerships, Cathy Osselton, said: "It is fantastic that so many people came to Basingstoke Live at the weekend to listen to music, get involved in various activities and bask in the sun over the free two day music festival.

"This event is a team effort."

It was organised by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Basingstoke Live Forum.

More than 100 acts made this year's Basingstoke Festival the biggest yet with acts including big names like actor-comedian Dawn French and world-famous violinist Nigel Kennedy.

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Book challenge

THE Reading Agency, a charity that aims to make children enthusiastic readers through creative programmes, has brought a new challenge to Hampshire libraries.

With the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge, which runs in all Hampshire libraries from July 12 to September 13, children aged four to 11 are being encouraged to read six books over the summer holidays.

Children will be awarded prizes as they progress through the challenge.

Over 1,719 children took part in the agency's summer challenge last year at Basingstoke Discovery Centre.

The Reading Agency has been running the challenge for 13 years in Basingstoke.

For more information, visit www.hants.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge.

Protecting canal

THE Basingstoke Canal Society have joined a campaign, backed by TV historian Tony Robinson, to restore and protect England and Wales's historic waterways.

The Canal and River Trust, which cares for over 2,000 working waterways, has published an online map which encourages people to discover their local derelict canals and get involved with local restoration groups.

The Basingstoke Canal, which runs for 32 miles, is featured on the online map as one of country's canals which should be preserved.

The online map can be found at http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/restoration.

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Home burgled

A HOME in Popley was burgled last week.

The house in Buckfast Close was broken into between 2pm and 4.40pm on Friday, July 11.

It is not known what was stolen yet.

Police are appealing for anyone who saw anything suspicious to contact Detective Constable Andrew Wright at Basingstoke CID by calling the police 101 number.

Story sessions

BASINGSTOKE Discovery Centre will host a storytelling party for children on July 31.

Actress and children's entertainer Charlie Sanderson will give a 45-minute interactive reading of David Melling's Hugless Douglas book involving singing and activities including a giant parachute and bubbles.

The two sessions start at the centre in Festival Place from 10am and 11.15am.

Tickets are £2 and free for adults.

To book call the team on 01256 478670, or visit the centre in person.

Shop locks gone

MORRISONS have removed trolley locks at their store in Worting Road.

Staff removed the devices that require a £1 coin to be inserted in order to release the trolleys from their bay last Friday.

Customer feedback asked for the locks to be removed because shoppers said it would help them to speed up their food shopping trips.

Hospital car parking branded 'nightmare'

A WOMAN has branded car parking at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital as a 'nightmare' which needs to be sorted.

By Mathew Di Salvo
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Vanessa Tolson, of Fairoak Way, wrote a letter to the chief executive of the hospital last week after she said hospital clinics running late have meant she has had to pay more for parking charges when visiting.

"It is about time they did something about it. It is a nightmare," she said.

"I've spoken to other people in the car park with the same problem. It affects everyone. It is cheaper to park down the road than to use the hospital car park."

Mrs Tolson said on July 9, when she took her 85-year-old mother to the eye clinic and it was running late, she had to pay more than the standard £1 for an hour fare.

But the hospital's chief executive Mary Edwards said in such cases the extra charge can be reimbursed.

She said: "We are in contact with Mrs Tolson and we are very sorry to hear about the difficulties she's experienced.

"We do have a system in place which means we honour the £1 for one hour charge if patients have been delayed unavoidably during their hospital visit."

Mrs Tolson believes the hospital "preys on people who have health issues and lots of appointments" to make money.

But Ms Edwards said the money is needed to keep the car parks up and running, with any extra going to patient care.

"The income we receive from parking charges helps us maintain the car parks for patients and visitors, and includes lighting, security and repairs," she said.

"These costs would otherwise have to be met from funds intended for patient care. Any money not spent on maintenance of the car park goes into patient care."

Mrs Tolson also criticised access to the hospital, saying she struggled with her grandchild's pushchair because there are no ramps

She added: "If I'd had to push a wheelchair with an adult in it, I wouldn't have been able to do it."

Mrs Tolson says she was told that slopes are not in place to deter children from using them as skateboarding ramps.

Heritage site to host children's outdoor adventures

THE Vyne near Basingstoke will be taking part in a campaign by the National Trust to get more children outdoors this summer.

As part of the trust's programme called 50 things to do before you're 11¾, a variety of activities will be available for children aged seven to 12 to take part in at the Basingstoke heritage site throughout the summer.

In an attempt to have five per cent (200,000 children) of Britain's seven to 12-year-olds break their reliance on technology for entertainment by September, the UK conservation charity is using The Vyne to play an active part in helping children enjoy the outdoors.

• Children enjoying the tree climbing last year at The Vyne

"We're got a terrific line-up of 'back to nature' fun this summer, including all sorts of activities where the outdoors team can offer top tips and hands-on advice to create the perfect woodland hideaway or track for wild animals," said The Vyne's outdoors officer, Fraser Deans.

Activities that families can take part in will include The Big Tree Climb on July 28 and July 29 where youngsters aged six and onwards will use ropes and karabiners to climb a huge oak tree and a bug hunt in The Vyne's "wild garden".

The Vyne's outdoors experts will also help families find signs of wildlife in the woodlands.

Research commissioned by The National Trust that shows children aged seven to 11 spend less time playing outdoors than any other generation.

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Music video

STUDENTS at Basingstoke College of Technology produced a music video for the band RedTails, who performed at Basingstoke Live Festival at the weekend.

With help from their media lecturer, Scott Hayden, the students created the video for the band's new single, "Setting Sun", which has been praised by the band and its production team.

Lead singer, Collete Francis-Lee, was a former student at the college.

Broadband grant

SUPERFAST broadband could be extended to homes in Hampshire's countryside after a £1.2million funding boost.

The Government grant, announced last Thursday, will be used to find solutions for superfast broadband to fill the gaps in some remote areas of the county - by testing hybrid engineering techniques.

Numbers up

ST MICHAEL'S Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from July 11.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 23849 of Baughurst, while ticket 75287 of Popley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Tadley ticket 77189, and Basingstoke ticket 35671 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 03214, 07461, 13269, 22093, 30238, 38781, 43831, 44998, 55382, 57232, 59306, 67265, 78893, 89401, 89855 and 95167.

£2m mill bid launched

A CAMPAIGN to raise almost £2million to revamp the Whitchurch Silk Mill has been launched.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, Dame Mary Fagan, called the UK's oldest silk mill "a jewel in Hampshire's crown" as grand plans for the building were unveiled on July 2.

They include the restoration of the antique looms, modernising the building and moving the café to the ground floor to make it more accessible.

The silk mill trustees are submitting a £1.7m Heritage Lottery Fund in August called Preserving the Fabric.

While a campaign to raise £200,000 from residents, investors and donors was launched.

The Mayor of Whitchurch, Mike Keane, said: "The silk mill has had underinvestment. I think this bid is essential to keep this wonderful asset.

"At the moment it is difficult to get around and see the weaving. The money will help larger numbers of people see how the weaving works today."

He added: "There is now a real focus to get the cash for redevelopment."

The revamp would also aim to showcase the watermill, weaving shed, warping mill to the public, as well as increase weaving and running apprenticeships.

Residents and guests including Mayor of Basingstoke Roger Gardner and Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council Jonathan Glenn were given a tour of the mill.

Chairman of the Whitchurch Silk Mill Trust, Rupert Nabarro, said: "We need a large injection of cash because we can do almost everything we do, better than we do it at the moment. In so doing we can become a self-sustaining living museum that weaves silk and enthrals all who come through its doors. For another 200 years."

A condition of the grant application is that it has to be supported by fundraising.

Cllr Keane added: "We have got a long way to go but the aim is, once the mill has been restored, more of the looms will be working and we can have people with specialist knowledge train people in the craft of silk weaving.

"It would be wonderful to have people specialise in this craft. We are very lucky to have the mill here in Whitchurch."

Cadets get warship experience

SEA cadets from Basingstoke had the chance to sleep aboard a Navy warship in Portsmouth last week where they tested out their boat skills.

Basingstoke cadets Lily May Sharp, 13, Megan Benwell, 12, and Able Cadet Jonathan Cowdrey, 15, were among 70 who visited the Royal Navy headquarters in Portsmouth for a six day course from July 6 until July 11.

Jonathan Cowdrey an Aldworth School pupil from South Ham, said: "I've had a really great time and enjoyed meeting the cadets from other units, some I had met before and some are new friends."

The cadet of three years focused on rowing as part of a supervised coxswain course.

The cadets spent time on HMS Excellent and slept aboard Type 82 Destroyer HMS Bristol.

Activities for the sea cadets included dinghy sailing, powerboating, rowing, sliding seat rowing and rigid inflatable boating.

They were part of annual Boatwork Week supported by the Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Commander Phil Coast, the area's training officer, said: "It is fabulous opportunity for sea cadets to gain and improve their boat work skills in the safe waters of Portsmouth harbour.

"The cadets enjoy getting together and there is no substitute for having quality time on the water practising navigation, rule of the road, towing, mooring, man overboard and retrieval and safety on the water."

• (Left to right) Basingstoke Cadets Cadet Lily May Sharp, 13, Cadet Megan Benwell, 12, and Able Cadet Jonathan Cowdrey, 15 who have all taken part in Boatwork Week.

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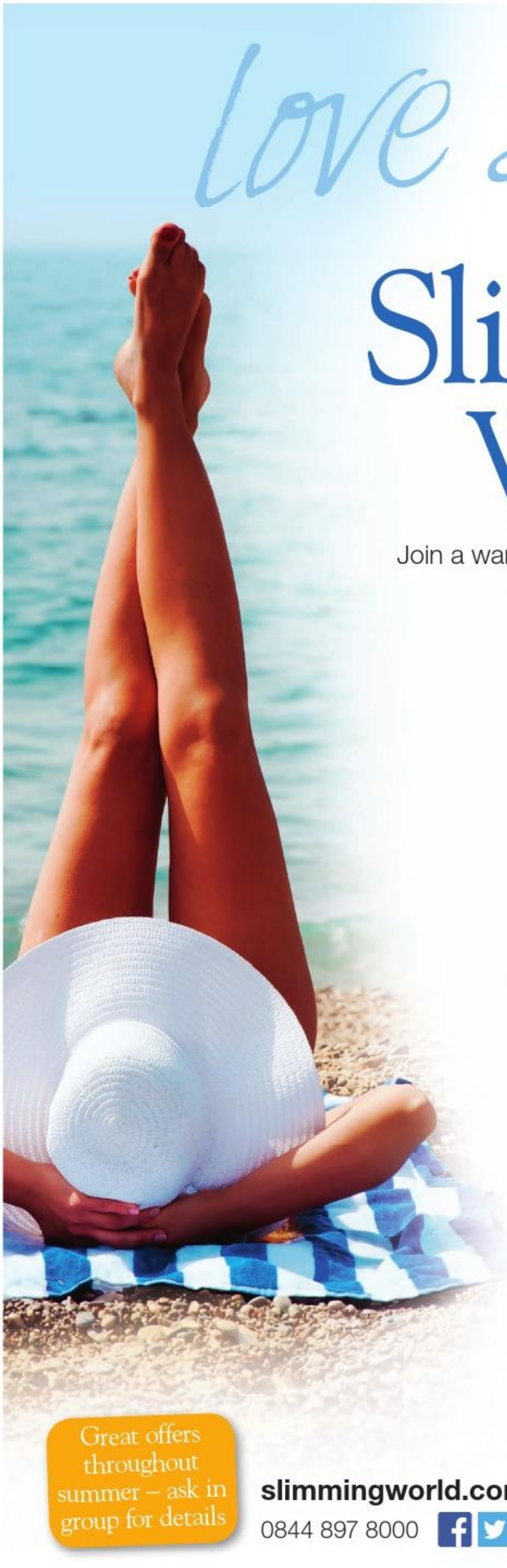

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Those who impress the judges will take to the stage at Basingstoke's biggest theatre, The Anvil, on October 4 for the show.

Show producer Ian Aherne said: "We are really excited to be able to 'open up' the process of applying to be in the show to soloists, duets, groups and acts from the borough that may not have had the opportunity to perform before."

The annual performance raises money for charities picked by the Mayor of Basingstoke.

This year's show will fundraise for Mayor of Basingstoke Roger Gardiner's chosen charities The Basingstoke Charities, Basingstoke Dial-a-Ride and Basingstoke Young Carers.

Cllr Gardiner said: "I hope that people are able to come along and show their support for the fantastic talent from our borough."

Performers already confirmed include Salsa Basingstoke, Basingstoke Gang Show, and pupils from Merton, Silchester, Winklebury, Oakley and Fairfields schools.

The show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £13 for adults and £9 for concessions.

To enter the auditions, email your details to thebvs@hotmail.co.uk.

College festival for future pupils

ALTON College put on a grand spectacle for future students last week.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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Close to 700 students who start in September went along to a welcome festival at the college's Bowling Green campus last Thursday.

It included a battle of the bands competition for college students, talks and a chance for the next academic year's students to check out the college and speak to tutors about their subjects.

Jane Machell, Alton College principal, said: "It was a fantastic day topped off by the glorious weather.

"We appreciate how hard students have been working at school for their exams and we wanted them to experience our unique atmosphere for themselves."

Students took part in sports trials for the coming academic year.

Winning band Bourne were granted the prize to perform at the Hampshire festival, Butserfest, in September.

A social media competition was also there for students to take part in, with the prize being Butserfest tickets.

Students were given entry wristbands and a free pair of sunglasses courtesy of Specsavers in Alton.

Media workshops led by Hampshire's 96.4 Eagle Radio's team were given to those who wanted to learn about broadcasting, radio and journalism.

More music was on show for students, staff and parents in the evening when the bands performed again.

Ms Machell added: "Feedback has been really positive and we look forward to seeing our next students for enrolment in August (after their exam results) and then in September at the start of term."

· Almost 700 students due to start at Alton College were welcomed with a mini festival at their Bowling Green campus

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Town picnic

A PICNIC will be held by Alton Town Council on Saturday to get residents thinking about how the space around Windmill Hill can be improved.

People are invited to bring a picnic and share ideas on what they think should be done with the open space.

A children's nature trail will also take place and the Mayor will awarding all those who complete it with prizes.

It takes place on July 19 between noon and 2pm.

Dementia aim

HAMPSHIRE County Council is encouraging dementia sufferers to get outdoors.

The Dementia Friendly campaign aims to get those with the illness access to parks as part of treatment.

Residents from two care homes in the county were taken to Manor Farm and Country Park at Bursledon last month for activities and to enjoy the social benefits of being outdoors.

Road closures

ROAD markings have been repainted on the M3 south of Basingstoke this week.

The work shut the southbound carriageway between the A303 junction 8 and the A34 junction 9 on Monday and Tuesday overnight between 10pm and 6am.

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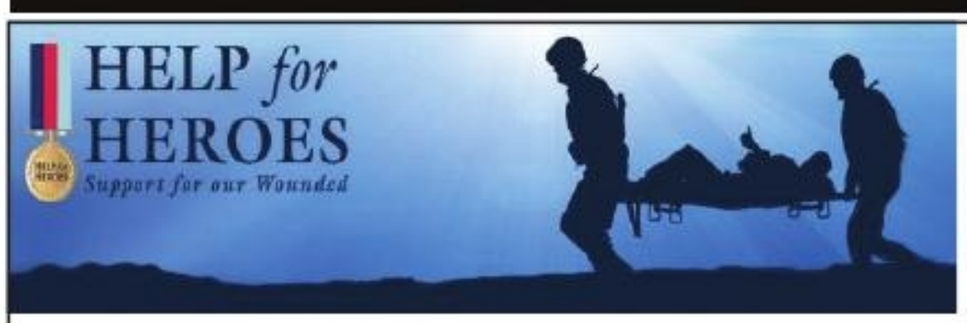

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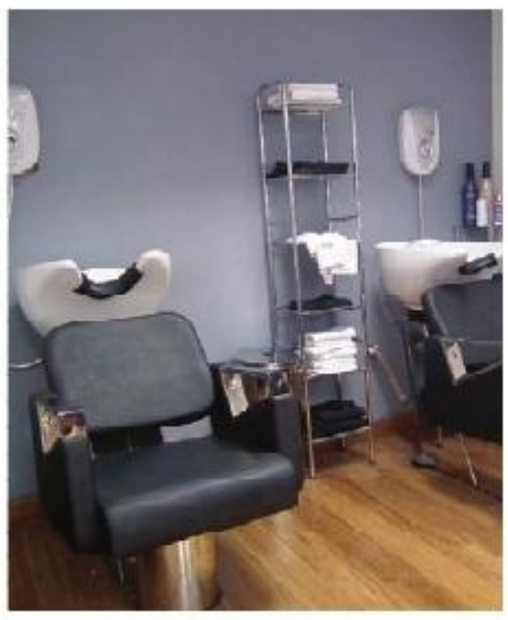

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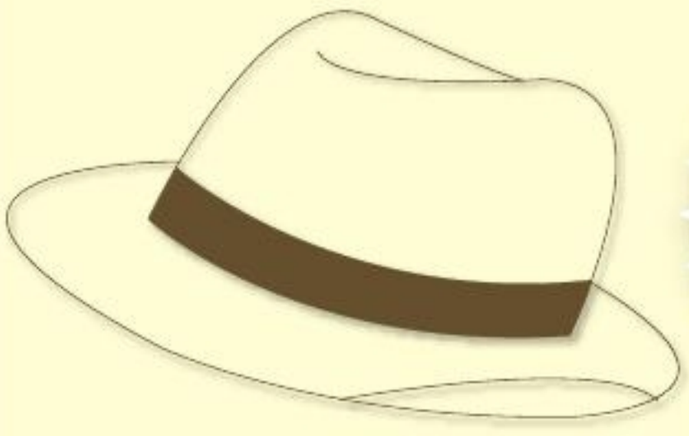

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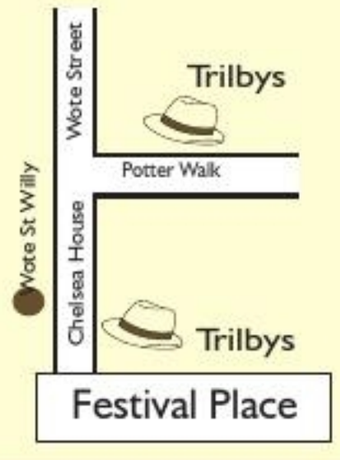

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Tickets cost £14, and the show begins at 8.15pm. For more details, go to laughter-house.co.uk.

Dance show

FOOTSTEPS Dance School present their eighth showcase, featuring their mix of uplifting music and top tapping choreography at The Haymarket on Saturday.

Children from the school will perform ballrom, Latin, rock and roll, freestyle and various other dances.

Two shows are scheduled, starting at 2pm and 6.30pm. Go to anvilarts.org.uk for more information.

John Bird show

THE World According to John Bird, a show telling the true story of a working class hero, comes to Bordon's Phoenix theatre on Saturday.

John's story sees him rise from abject poverty to become a revolutionary who helps the poor, in a funny and inspiring journey.

To book the 7.30pm show go to phoenixarts.co.uk.

Tribute bands in limelight

OVER a dozen tribute bands make up the line-up at this year's Marvellous Festival this weekend.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Set in Wellington Country Park on the Hampshire and Berkshire border, the festival has been running there for the past 11 years.

Acts this year include the Ultimate Eagles, Johnny Cash Revisited and Maroon 4, with 14 groups performing over the two days.

There is also a special appearance from Ade Edmondson and the Bad Shepherds, who take to the stage at the festival on Saturday and Sunday.

And as well as music, there is a pirate island-themed big kids village, with activities for youngsters including balloon modelling and face painting.

Tess Eagles, who deals with marketing for the festival, has been to all but one of the events since it started.

"One of the things that's always really great about the festival that is fed back to us every year is the atmosphere," she said.

"Everybody is there having fun, and it's one of the few places you can go to where you can actually see young children with their parents and their grandparents.

"You can sit there with your picnic, there's stalls if you want, and you can just relax with the whole family spanning the generations."

Tess added that the country park added to the appeal of the festival, in what she described as a "beautiful setting".

She added: "One of the many poignant things about the weekend that they've done for many years is they have a Spitfire flypast, they play accompanying wartime music, and it mesmerises people.

"Everybody is just there watching the Spitfire, clapping and cheering, and I think that encompasses the festival."

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Choir sings out for charity

BASINGSTOKE'S Rock Choir returns to The Anvil stage tonight for a one-off concert raising money for Kingsclere-based charity Living Paintings.

The group will be performing a mix of pop, rock and Motown hits throughout the evening, with songs including 'I Say A Little Prayer', 'Someone Like You' and 'Man In The Mirror'.

And it is all in honour of Living Paintings, who produce highly visual books for partially sighted children and adults.

Choir leader Glen Harvey said: "We have been working hard for a whole year, and we're going to be performing 19 songs all in all.

"Living Paintings do some excellent work, where they make three-dimensional books with great textures, and are really bright and colourful.

"It helps people who are blind and partially sighted to feel a little bit part of that world."

More than 150 people make up the choir, made up of people from all backgrounds and singing experience.

It has been running for five years, rehearsing at Cranbourne Business College during that time.

And they have performed at numerous venues locally and nationally, ranging from demonstrations at schools and colleges to taking to the stage at Wembley Arena.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

"We had our last rehearsal last Thursday in preparation for The Anvil," Glen said.

"It's wicked, because it's a real community choir and we have people from all walks of life.

"I don't know many other clubs and groups you get with people from so many different backgrounds, beliefs and cultures all coming together just for the love of singing."

Speaking about it feels to lead the choir, Glen added: "It's exhausting, but it's exhilarating.

"I'm immensely proud because they are a strong group, they're really focused on the challenge and we have immense fun.

"We've had some great adventures over the last five years in Basingstoke."

Tonight's show starts at 8pm. For more details, go to anvilarts.org.uk or call the box office on 01256 844244.

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If it was just the music it would be enough but Cropredy also has an amazing relaxed atmosphere that is unequalled at any other UK summer event. This year the festival runs from Thursday the 7th to Saturday 9th of August. For more details and to book tickets visit www.fairportconvention.com

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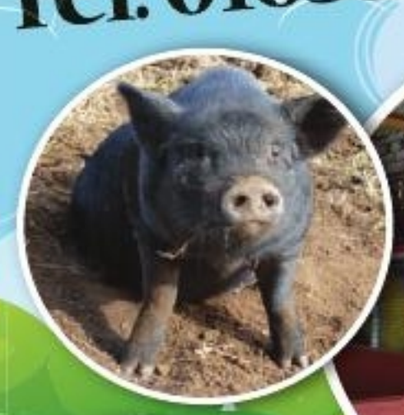

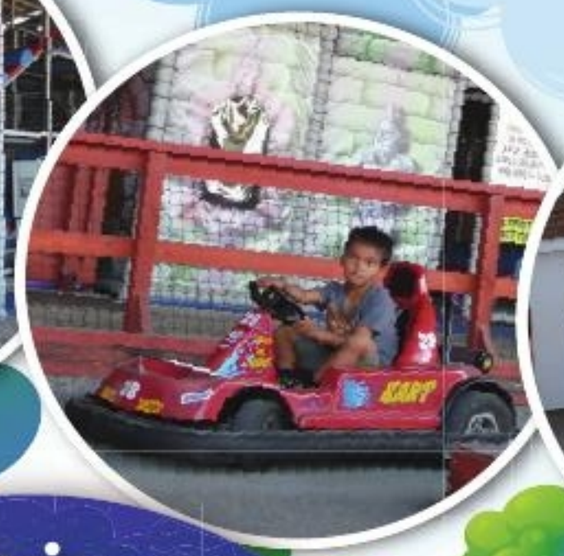

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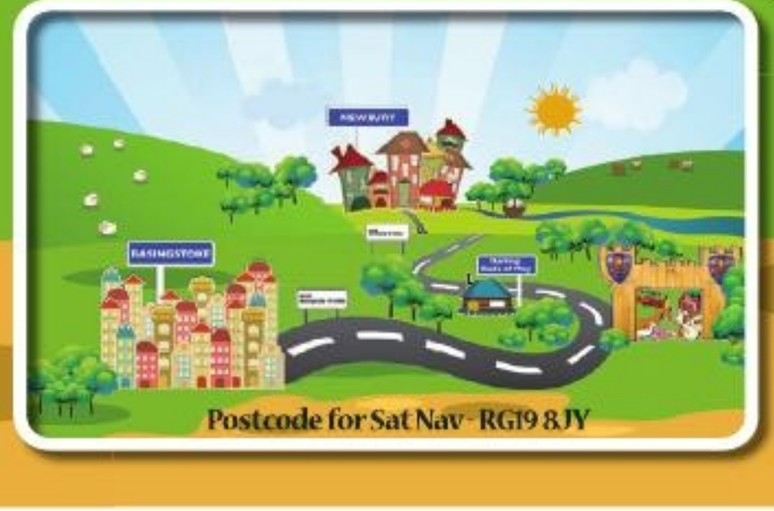

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Special edition Skoda

REVIEW: Skoda Fabia

By **James Richings**
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SINCE September 1999, the Skoda Fabia has been a well-recognised vehicle on British roads.

The family friendly car, which sold more than 13,000 units in the first six months of last year, is known for its reliability, practicability and user friendly devices.

The car was such a popular hit when it first came out that Auto Express magazine voted the car as number four out of the 10 greatest Skodas of all time.

Top Gear magazine gave a more measured response.

Giving the car a 7/10 rating, it described the Skoda as "one of the better minis out there", adding: "The Fabia does everything you could ask of it, but not a whole lot more. A modest success."

However, despite only bringing out two generations since its formation 15 years ago, Skoda have announced that a new special edition version of the Škoda Fabia hatch has gone on sale at British dealers this year.

Costing £9,595, buyers are promised extra standard equipment at no extra cost as well as more than 20 per cent off the original recommended retail price.

Customers also get a three-year/30,000-mile free servicing package if the car is bought using their solutions personal contract plan from Škoda Finance.

The Fabia SE comes as standard with 15-inch alloy wheels, extra rear speakers, manual air conditioning, tinted glass, electric door mirrors and remote central locking.

The special edition version, which is based on the SE, includes a spare wheel and metallic paint for no extra cost.

It is the Czech Republic's second most successful vehicle, selling over three million units since 1999.

The only Skoda vehicle to eclipse the reliable Fabia is the Skoda Octavia, which has sold more than four million units since its formation back in 1997.

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• *Skoda has launched a special edition of its popular Fabia model*

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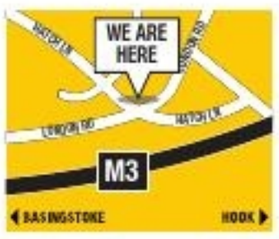

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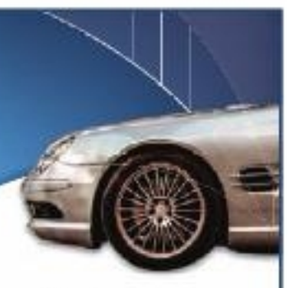

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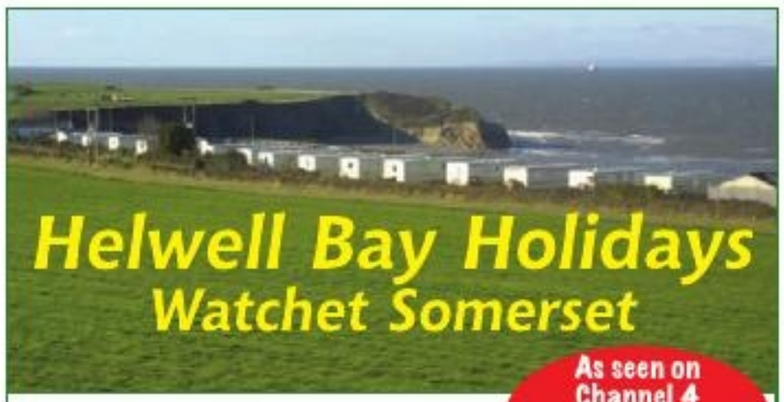

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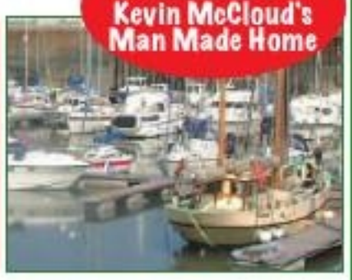

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Long wants more trophies as he signs deal with Bison

BRITISH forward Ciaran Long has re-signed for Basingstoke Bison for the coming season.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The 23-year-old enjoyed a strong partnership with Tomas Karpov in the previous campaign after joining from Slough at Christmas, scoring 37 points for the Herd.

Born in Birmingham, Long came through the junior set-up in Swindon before winning a play-off title with Slough.

He moved to Bison for his first spell in 2010/11, playing for Manchester and Slough in between returning to the squad.

"I can't wait for the season to start again," said Long. "I really enjoyed my time here last season.

"For sure it would be nice to win some more trophies and as a team we will be working our hardest to make this happen."

Bison player/coach Doug Sheppard said: "He brings a lot to the team offensively and defensively, and became one of our top penalty killers.

"I was also able to slot him down the middle as well as playing him as a winger, so he gives me so many options.

"He is still a young player who is getting better every year and is growing in confidence from playing in key situations."

Bison enjoyed their best ever season in 2013/14, winning the Play-Off title and the English Ice Hockey Premier League Cup to end a 14-year trophy drought.

The Herd have kept a large number of their successful squad already, having re-signed Joe Baird, Tomas Karpov, Miroslav Vantroba, Andy Melachrino, Michael Wales, Matt Selby, Nicky Chinn, Joe Rand, Aaron Connolly and Dean Skinns already.

They have also added Declan Balmer, Brendan Baird and Grant Rounding to the team over the pre-season.

· Ciaran Long has re-signed for Bison (Picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

Sport Bites

Back to winning ways for 'Stoke

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants Cricket Club got back to winning ways on Saturday, as they won by 21 runs away to Hambledon.

The visitors posted a score of 193-6, but Hambledon could only reply with 172 to give Basingstoke their seventh win out of eight in the Southern Cricket League Division One.

In the same division, Hook and Newnham Basics were defeated by Sarisbury Athletic by two wickets, after their 206-9 proved not to be enough to win.

In division two, Hartley Wintney took the victory against Rowledge, beating them by two wickets.

All three are in action at their home grounds on Saturday, as Basingstoke face Fawley, Hook host Hambledon and Wintney play Langley Manor.

Poor result for athletics squad

IT was a miserable result for Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club in their third match of the season, as they could only finish sixth out of eight.

Basingstoke went into the British Athletics League National Two fixture in Derby having won one and finished runners-up in the two previous events, but this result effectively ends their title hopes.

Main rivals Southampton won in Derby to take a comfortable lead going into the final meeting in Bath on August 9, although Basingstoke remain second in the standings.

Camrose renamed in new deal

THE Camrose has a new name, following a new deal between Basingstoke Town and Sky Sports' television show Soccer AM.

The deal, which was announced by the club yesterday morning, will see their Western Way ground renamed as the Soccer AM Stadium.

As a result of the partnership, Basingstoke will feature regularly on the Saturday morning show in a number of televised features.

Club chairman Rafi Razzak said: "This fits incredibly well with our key objective – to create a club that is self sufficient and at the heart of our community.

"Supporters who may not have heard of us before will get to know Basingstoke Town pretty well, and it's an excellent opportunity for us to build on our reputation."

Soccer AM producer Rob Wakeling added: "Sponsoring a stadium is a first for us and we are very excited as it will bring lots more great opportunities to have some fun outside the studio."

Two wins on the trot for Rose ahead of his Open challenge

JUSTIN Rose won his second successive tournament on the tour at the weekend, with a two shot victory in the Scottish Open.

Rounds of 69 and 68 gave Rose a solid start to the competition, and he moved into a share of the lead on Saturday with a third round of 66. He then posted his best round of the week on Sunday, with a 65 giving him a final score of 16 under par.

He finished two shots clear of Sweden's Kristoffer Broberg and five ahead of third-place Marc Warren, who Rose had shared the lead with going into the final day.

This is the first time that Rose has won two events in a row in his career, after winning the Quicken Loans National in Maryland, USA, on June 29.

The result puts him in good stead for the Open Championship, which gets underway at Royal Liverpool today.

Rose is set to tee off at 2.27pm alongside world number one Adam Scott and American golfer Jason Dufner.

The North Hampshire golfer has not had much success at the Open in recent years, missing the cut in 2012 and 2013.

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Draw with Yeovil followed by victory against a young Reading side

'GREAT PACE' IMPRESSES TOWN BOSS

• Liam Enver-Marum scored the only goal in Tuesday night's match against Reading under-21s (Picture by Les Chase)

BASINGSTOKE picked up their first pre-season win on Tuesday night, with a 1-0 victory at home against Reading's under-21s.

By **Adam Flinn**
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It was a strong performance from the home team, with Liam Enver-Marum scoring the only goal of the match after 35 minutes.

Nathan Smart put in the cross to set up Enver-Marum, who flicked in the ball to give Town the win.

The result comes after Saturday's 1-1 draw with League One side Yeovil, who put in a strong showing against their higher-rated opponents.

Yeovil's Sam Hoskins had given the visitors the lead in the first half, but Manny Williams scrambled the ball in from close range following a corner in the 52nd minute.

Basingstoke manager Jason Bristow was pleased with his side's showing in the two matches.

He said: "We had some good individual performances, and are looking very good as a team as well.

"I thought we attacked with great pace and looked an exciting team on Tuesday night, so things are progressing very well for us.

"The results in pre-season are irrelevant, but a draw against a League One side was very promising.

"We created a number of chances so things are shaping up very well for us, but in pre-season we're not going to get too carried away, and we know we've got to work hard."

Following the game with Reading, Basingstoke announced the signing of striker Chris Flood.

"We've known Chris for a number of years," said Bristow. "What's impressed us this pre-season is the fact he's adapted well to playing in different positions.

"He's going to be a great addition to our squad."

Basingstoke next play Hungerford Town away this evening, before hosting Newport County on Tuesday.

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